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MAJOR GENERAL SERGEI PUDOVKIN, LIKE SO MANY OF HIS FELLOW OFFICERS IN THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND, MADE HIS CAREER AND REPUTATION IN STALINGRAD.

IT WAS IN THE CONQUEST OF BERLIN, HOWEVER, THAT HE FELL UNDER THE SEDUCTIVE SWAY OF WESTERN DECADENCE...

...AND THE PEASANT SOLDIER WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A CONNOISSEUR OF THE FINER THINGS...

...WHICH HAD COME TO INCLUDE LENA SWARKOWSKI...

Moscow...

...A UKRAINIAN FARM GIRL WHO KNOWS THAT DIAMONDS REALLY ARE A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND.

DID ЩАДТ DID YOU HDV3 IN MIND TODDY, MY DDRLING?

I JUST DON'T ЖИОЩ, S3RG3I, MY SЩ33T...

BUT IT IS MY BIRTHDDY...

SO V3RY SOON SINC3 TH3 LDST ON3...

...W3'LL JUST ADV3 TO FIND SOM3THING PDRTICULDRLY SP3CIDL...

...DID 3SP3CIDLLY D3CDD3NT.

"ESPECIALLY DECADENT," INDEED.
WHILE THE AVERAGE CITIZEN OF MOSCOW MAKES DO WITH THE SHODDIEST, MOST INEPTLY MANUFACTURED CRAP IMAGINABLE...
...ITS UPPER ECHELON– A CADRE WHOSE VERY EXISTENCE IS DENIED...
...LIVES ON A THRIVING BLACK MARKET OF WESTERN FOOD, LUXURY GOODS AND APPLIANCES...
...THANKS TO A WELL-CONCEALED NETWORK OF WELL-CONNECTED SMUGGLERS, LIARS, CONMEN AND THIEVES.
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ЩЗLCOMЗ, COMЯDЗ GЗИЗЯDL...
...IT'S BЗЗИ TOO LONG.
COMRADE WEDNESBURY...
HAHDUYUDU...?
PARTICULARLY FINE THIS MORNING, MISS...

...PARTICULARLY FINE.
...ЯДТЯЗЯ, I WДИT YOU TO LEДЯИ ЗVЗЯYTЯIИG YOU СДИ ДBOUT TH3 ИETWOЯK OF SMUGGL3Я K33PIИG YOU ДИD YOUЯ F3LLOW MOЯ3-3QUДL-THДИ-OTH3Я TYP3S SUPPLI3D WITH TH3 TЯДPPIИGS OF TH3 D3CДD3ИT ЩЗST.
MY SHOPPIИG CДЯD--
JUST T3LL YOUЯ SUPPLI3Я YOU LOST IT--
I--I--
ЯЗLДX, COMЯДD3-- I DOИ'T GIV3 Д DДMИ ДBOUT TH3 B3TЯДYДL OF YOUЯ MДЯXIST IDЗДLS...
--IT'LL B3 OЦЯ LITTL3 S3CЯ3T.
L3ИД, MY DДЯLIИG...
ДOИ'T "MY DДRLIИG" M3, S3ЯG3I...
...WHДT ДBOUT MY БIЯTHДДY?

SORRY, SAINT HONEY...
BLAM!
WHAT...
...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

SEEMS PRETTY OBVIOUS TO ME THERE, CUZ--
--YOU'VE BEEN GUT SHOT BY LITTLE OL' ME.
BUT-- BUT--
--WHY?
WELL, NOW-- LET'S JUST SAY...
...MY ORDERS WERE TO TAKE YOU OUT OF THE GAME JUST BEFORE THE FINAL INNING.
BUT--
YOU WERE ALWAYS A TOOL, NEVER A CRAFTSMAN, SAINT.

The Kremlin.

THE SEAT OF SOVIET POWER FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY...

...A FORBIDDING PILE THAT LOOMS AS A THREAT TO ANY AND ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE STATUS QUO.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, COMRADE.

COMRADE, IS IT NOW, KONSTANTIN?

THE KREMLIN IS A HOUSE OF SECRETS...

...ONE OF WHICH IS THE LUXURY IN WHICH THIS NATION'S RULERS LIVE AND WORK.

THE HABITS OF A *LIFETIME*, LAMONT.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE *YOU*, AS WELL.

PERHAPS *SOMETIME* YOU'LL TELL ME EXACTLY *HOW* YOU CAME TO BE HERE WITHOUT *ANY* RECORD OF YOUR ENTRY...

HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

NO SURPRISES THERE...

...I *HAVE*, AS YOU MIGHT *RECALL*, WITNESSED THE CLOUDING OF MEN'S MINDS IN OUR TIME IN MADRID, THOSE *YEARS* AGO.

I'M AFRAID I'M *NOT* HERE TO RUMINATE OVER OUR SHARED *PAST*.

I GATHER YOU'RE MORE CONCERNED WITH OUR SHARED *FUTURE*.

QUITE *RIGHT.*

WE *BOTH* KNOW THAT, BEHIND THE SCRIM OF ANY GOVERNMENT'S *PUBLIC* FACE THERE ARE FORCES *UNSEEN* BY THE WORLD.

OF *COURSE*... REALPOLITIK MAKES THIS A *NECESSITY.*

I *BELIEVE* THERE ARE ENTITIES IN *YOUR* GOVERNMENT WITH DESIGNS ON THE *APOCALYPSE*...

...*FANATICS* WHO ARE CONVINCED THEIR SURVIVAL *DEPENDS* ON REDUCING MUCH OF THE WORLD TO SMOLDERING *ASH*...

...TO THEN *REBUILD* THAT WORLD IN THEIR OWN *IMAGE.*

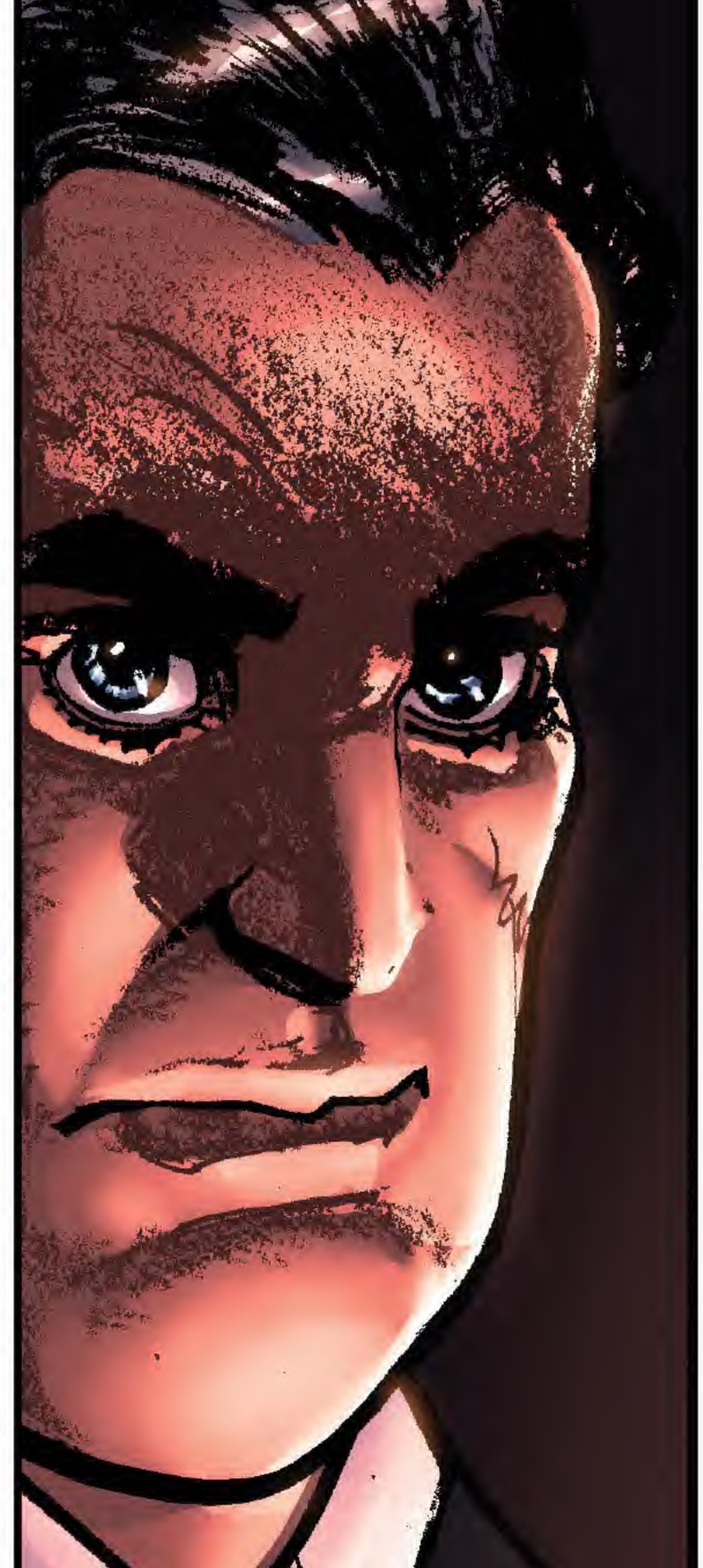
SUCH IDEOLOGUES EXIST ON *BOTH* SIDES OF MR. CHURCHILL'S *CURTAIN,* MY FRIEND.

ABSOLUTELY.

SO *WHAT,* PRECISELY, ARE YOU *SAYING,* LAMONT?

I BELIEVE THAT *YOUR* FANATICS HAVE FOUND COMMON GROUND WITH *OUR* FANATICS...

...AND THAT THIS UNHOLY *ALLIANCE* CAN ONLY RAIN *HELL* ON THE REST OF US.



THE WAGS IN FOREIGN SERVICE...

...THOSE LUCKY ONES WHO'VE BEEN POSTED TO NEW YORK, OR WASHINGTON, OR PARIS...

...OR EVEN LONDON...

...REFER TO THAT NOT-SO-SECRET DISPENSARY OF WESTERN LUXURY AS, VARIOUSLY, MACY'S, GUMP'S, PRINTEMPS OR HARROD'S...

...THE REST JUST CALL IT "THE BIG SHOP."

MARGO LANE HAS ALWAYS KNOWN THAT, SOONER OR LATER...

...THE PARTY WOULD COME TO AN END.

ONE CAN'T REMAIN A GIRL FOREVER, AFTER ALL, AND TIME DOES TAKE ITS TOLL.

BUT FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT...

MARGO'S NATURAL INSTINCTS WERE WHAT CAPTURED CRANSTON'S ATTENTION...
...KLIK...KLIK...KLIK...
...IT WAS SHE WHO MADE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ABSCONDED NUCLEAR SECRETS...
.KLIK.KLIK.KLIK.KLIK.
...AND AN INTERNATIONAL CARTEL SMUGGLING WESTERN LUXURY GOODS INTO THE SOVIET UNION.
...IKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLIK
MARGO IS AS MUCH AN INTERNATIONAL COSMOPOLITAN AS HER MASTER.
UNLIKE MANY OF HER FELLOW AMERICANS, SHE KNOWS FULL WELL THAT THE LATTER-DAY BOLSHEVIKS WHO RUN THE U.S.S.R. ...
KLIKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLIK
KLIKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLIKKLI
...AREN'T ANY MORE BENT ON NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION THAN THE AVERAGE SENATOR FROM THE GREAT MIDWEST.
THE POLITBURO IS MADE UP OF MIDDLE-AGED, MIDDLE-CLASS, MIDDLE-THINKING BUREAUCRATS...

KLIKKLIKKLIKK

KLIKKLIKKLIK

SH3'S ЯЦИИІИG!

...FAMILY MEN WITH A COMMITTED INVESTMENT IN THE STATUS QUO...

...WHO WANT TO STAY ALIVE AND WELL LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THEIR GRANDCHILDREN THRIVE...

DID ШHOS3 FDULT IS TЯDT--?

...AND MAKE BETTER LIVES FOR THEMSELVES MANAGING THE WORKER'S PARADISE.

ST33L-TIPP3D BOOTS, FOR CHRIST'S SDЖ3?

TH3Y W3Я3 GIFTS...

THAT SAID AND UNDERSTOOD...

...FROM MY MOTH3Я.

YOU ЯDT3 YOUЯ MOTH3Я.

...TRUE PSYCHOPATHS ARE BEHIND THIS INTENDED ACT OF NUCLEAR TERROR.

SHH-- NOT 3V3N IN J3ST.

WHDT--YOU'R3 DFRDID SH3'LL RSDR YOU?

3V3RY WDLL HDS 3DRS, COMRDD3...

...WH3R3 COULD SH3 HDV3 DISDPP3DR3D TO?

MDYB3 YOUR MOTHR3R KNOWS.

DND MDYB3 IF YOU K33P THIS UP, I'LL T3LL TH3 BIG-TITT3D DMER1KDNSKI HOW YOU F33L DBOUT H3R DND H3R BIG TITS.

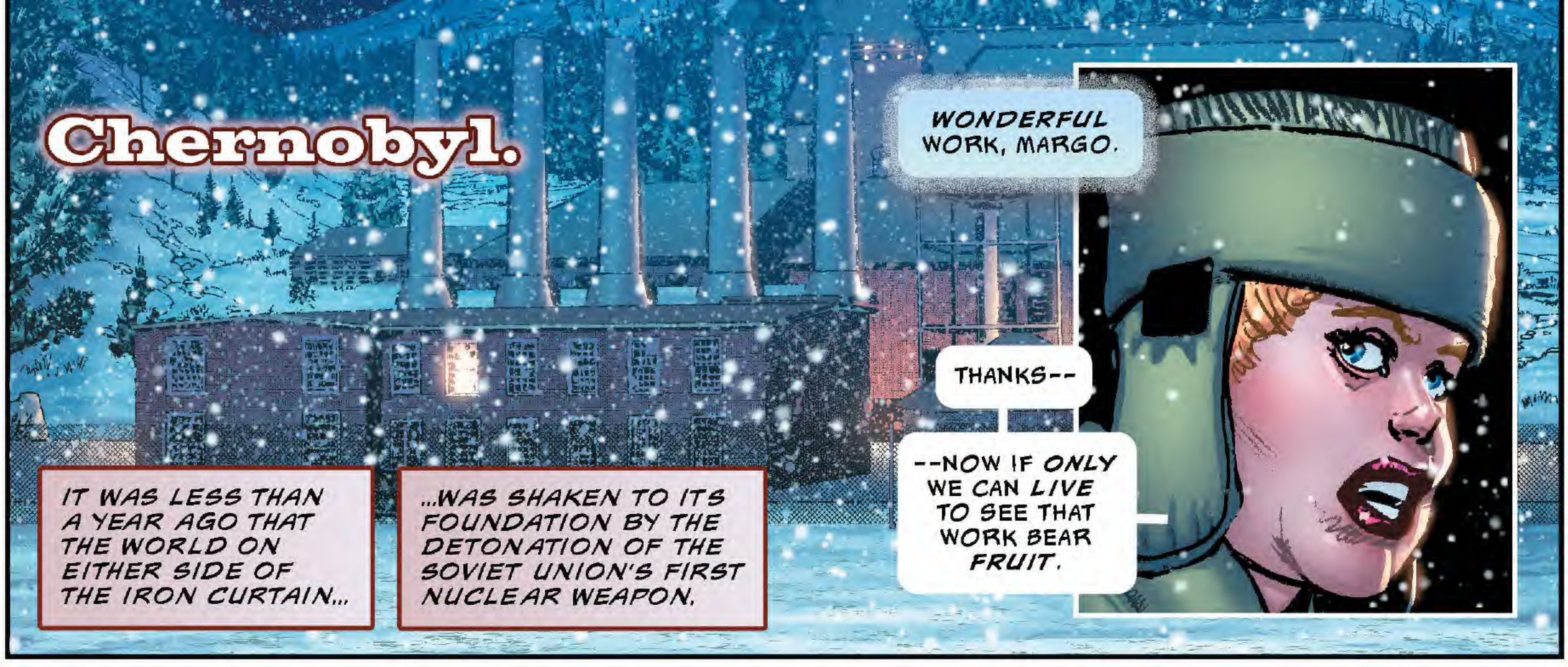
I'M DMDZ3D YOU'R3 MOR3 DFRDID OF YOUR MOTHR3R THDN OF THIS T3DGDRD3N WOMDN.

TH3 T3DGDRD3N WOMDN N3V3R CHDS3D M3 DROUND TH3 HOUS3 WITH D PITCHFORK.

!?!?!?

BENDIX
LISTЗИ TO YOUЯ COMЯДDЗS...
...THЗ WДLLS DO HДVЗ ЗДЯS.
ВЫХОД

HODDY, PCИ?ND!!
ЖYUTUSH?
WELL, HOWDY BACK ATCHA, LENA HONEY--
--AINT' YOU JUST THE CUTEST THANG.
CUTE--AN' TRUST ME, DARLIN'--
--IT'S A GOOD THANG.
KYUTUSH, ISS GOOT.
ISS VERY GOOT.
--NOW, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?
DD, DD--
--S3ЯG3I, HE GETS PRESENT, I GET PRESENT.
AN' WE ALL GO HOME HAPPY, HONEY LAMB.


Chernobyl.
IT WAS LESS THAN A YEAR AGO THAT THE WORLD ON EITHER SIDE OF THE IRON CURTAIN...
...WAS SHAKEN TO ITS FOUNDATION BY THE DETONATION OF THE SOVIET UNION'S FIRST NUCLEAR WEAPON.
WONDERFUL WORK, MARGO.
THANKS--
--NOW IF ONLY WE CAN LIVE TO SEE THAT WORK BEAR FRUIT.

ACCORDING TO BULGAKOV, PUDOVKIN HAS BEEN A CENTRAL FIGURE IN BLACK MARKET SMUGGLING SINCE THE END OF THE WAR.
BUT WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S A ONE-WAY STREET.

CAN YOU IMAGINE ANYONE OUTSIDE OF THIS GOD-FORSAKEN EXCUSE FOR A COUNTRY WANTING ANYTHING FROM IT?
THIS IS TRUE...

...BUT I'VE COME TO BELIEVE THAT THOSE WHO'VE ABSCONDED WITH STARK'S ORDNANCE MAY INTEND TO TAKE THAT ONE-WAY STREET BACK HOME.

THIS IS A RESTRICTED AREA--

—NO ONE WITHOUT SECURITY CLEARANCE IS PERMITTED IN HERE.

I DON'T RECALL THAT STOPPING US IN LENINGRAD, MISCHA.

WHO--

MASCAR !?!!

IT'S BEEN TOO LONG, MASCHA...

YES, IT HAS, MISCHA.

FROM THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE, I'M GUESSING YOU'RE NOT TAKING YOUR WINTER HOLIDAY IN THE SOVIET UNION.

YOU ALWAYS WERE THE SHERLOCK HOLMES OF LENINGRAD...

...DO YOU KNOW THIS WOMAN?

I DO...

...SHE WAS HERE TWO DAYS AGO, IN THE COMPANY OF GENERAL RUDOVSKIY AND THAT CAW OF A PRESENT SLUT OF HIS.

THIS IS INSANE...

...IMPOSSIBLE.

THEY WOULD HAVE NEEDED A TRUCK TO GET THEM OUT--

--HOW--?

THE MAGIC OF MINIATURIZATION, I FEAR.

WHO IN GOD'S NAME ARE YOU?

THEN CALL ME THE SADDOW...

"...AND I BELIEVE THESE STOLEN INSTRUMENTS OF DESTRUCTION HAVE BEEN DRAMATICALLY REDUCED IN SIZE...

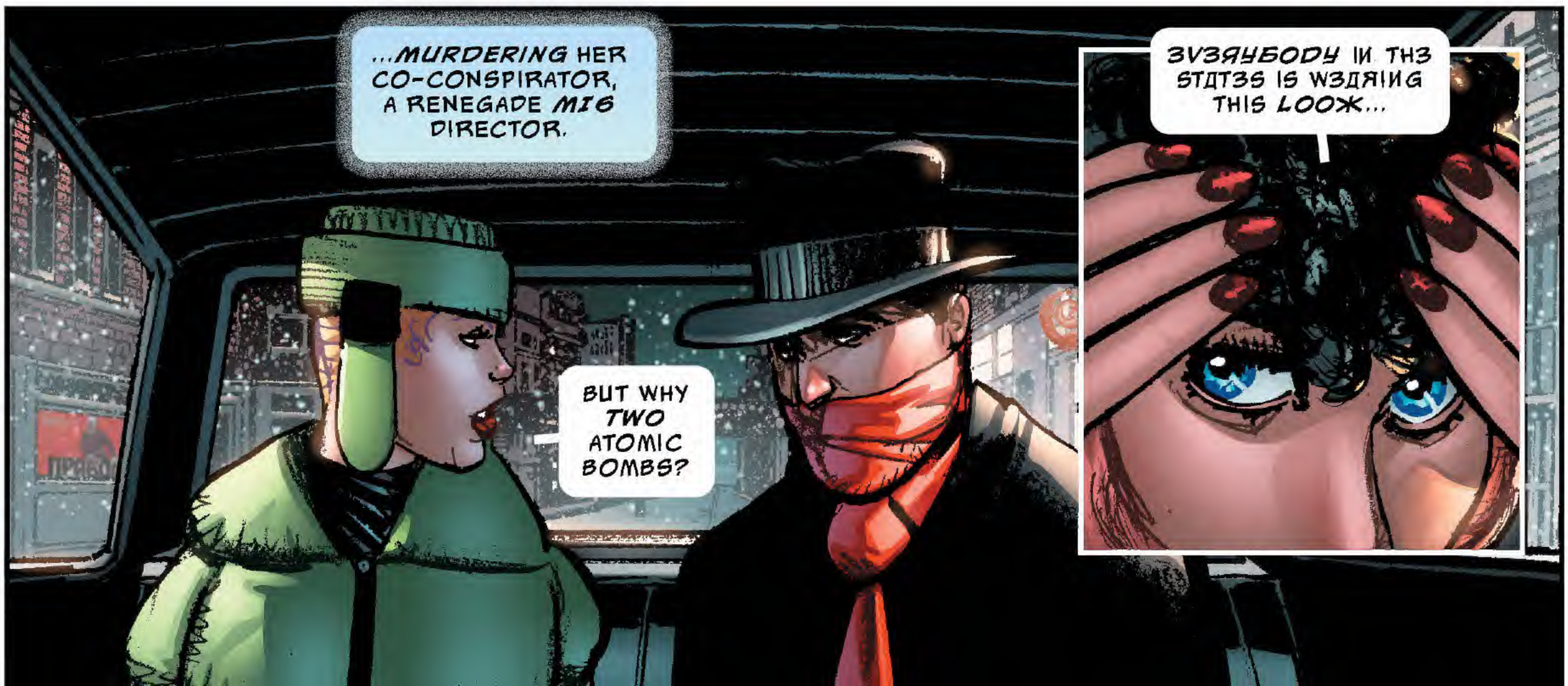
"...IN ORDER TO MAKE THEIR SMUGGLING POSSIBLE...

...A MINIATURIZATION THAT IN NO WAY MAKES THEM ANY LESS APOCALYPTICALLY LETHAL.

YOU DЯЗ DTЗЯIҢDИ?
TЗXДИ, ДCTUДLLY...
...BUT ЯOЩЗVЗЯ DID YOU GUЗSS?

ISN'T THERE A FASTER WAY TO DO THIS?
SHORT OF THE ROOFTOPS, THIS IS OUR ONLY OPTION...
...AS I FEAR THE MVD WOULD TAKE A DIM VIEW OF THE SHADOW CROSSING TOWN ON THE MOSCOW SKYLINE.

SO IT ШДS MY ДCҢЗИT GДVЗ MЗ ДШДУ?
ДИD THДT DЯЗSS.
LIKЗ IT, ЯЦЯ?
THIS WOMAN HAS APPARENTLY GONE ROGUE...


...MURDERING HER CO-CONSPIRATOR, A RENEGADE MI6 DIRECTOR.
BUT WHY TWO ATOMIC BOMBS?
ЗVЗЯYBODY IИ THЗ STДTЗS IS WЗДЯIИG THIS LOOЖ...

...BUT *NOT* FOR LONG...

TWO TARGETS...

...I'M GOING ESE TO THAT.

BRINGING A BIT OF RUSSIAN *STYLE* TO THE *USA*, ARE YOU?

THAT'S ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT.

THE *FBI* AND THE *MVD* HAVE ROUNDED UP HER *HANDLERS* ON BOTH SIDES OF THE *ATLANTIC*...

THE *MVD* WILL GET HER AT THE *AIRPORT*.

AND *WE'LL* DEAL WITH WHATEVER SHE'S LEFT BEHIND *HERE*...

...ASSUMING WE AREN'T BLOWN TO NUCLEAR KINGDOM COME DURING MOSCOW'S RUSH HOUR.

I HOPE TO SEE DIZZICD SOMEDAY.

I WOULDN'T BOTHER...

...IT WON'T BE WORTH THE TRIP.

DIXIE TEAGARDEN WASN'T BORN A FANATIC.

SHE FOUND HERSELF RADICALIZED BY A LOVE AFFAIR WITH AN OGPU AGENT...

...AND WHILE THE ROMANCE FADED, HER POLITICAL COMMITMENT BECAME RESOLUTE.

SHE'S SPIED FOR AN INCREASINGLY MORE CORRUPT AND DECADENT SOVIET UNION FOR OVER A DECADE...

...AND NOW, THANKS TO THAT CAPITALIST PIG, BENEDICT STARK...

...DIXIE TEAGARDEN IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE ORDER OF LENIN...

...POSTHUMOUSLY, OF COURSE.

STЗP БДЦЖ, COMЯДD3 G3N3ЯДL PЦDOVЖIИ--

--OR DIЗ ШHЗЯЗ YOU STДИD.

IT IS ONЗ THIИG TO THЯЗДTЗИ MЗ IИ MДCY'S--

--BUT TO IИVДD3 MY OFFICЗ--ДT THЗ ЖЯЗMLIИ--

--YOU AЯЗ MДD!

ДЯOP YOUЯ WЗДPOИ—

--OR YOU'LL MЗЗT ДЗДTЯ ИЗVЗЯ ЖИOШIИG ШHДT MДDИЗSS TЯULY MЗДИS.

ИOШ, YOU SOCIДLIST IMБЗЦILЗ--

--ШHЗЯЗ IS THЗ GIFT THЗ ДMЗЯICДN ШOMДN GДVЗ TO YOU?

IS TЯДT ШHДT THIS IS ДBOUT?

I GДVЗ IT TO COMЯДD3 STДLIИ, OF COUЯSЗ.

End Part Five

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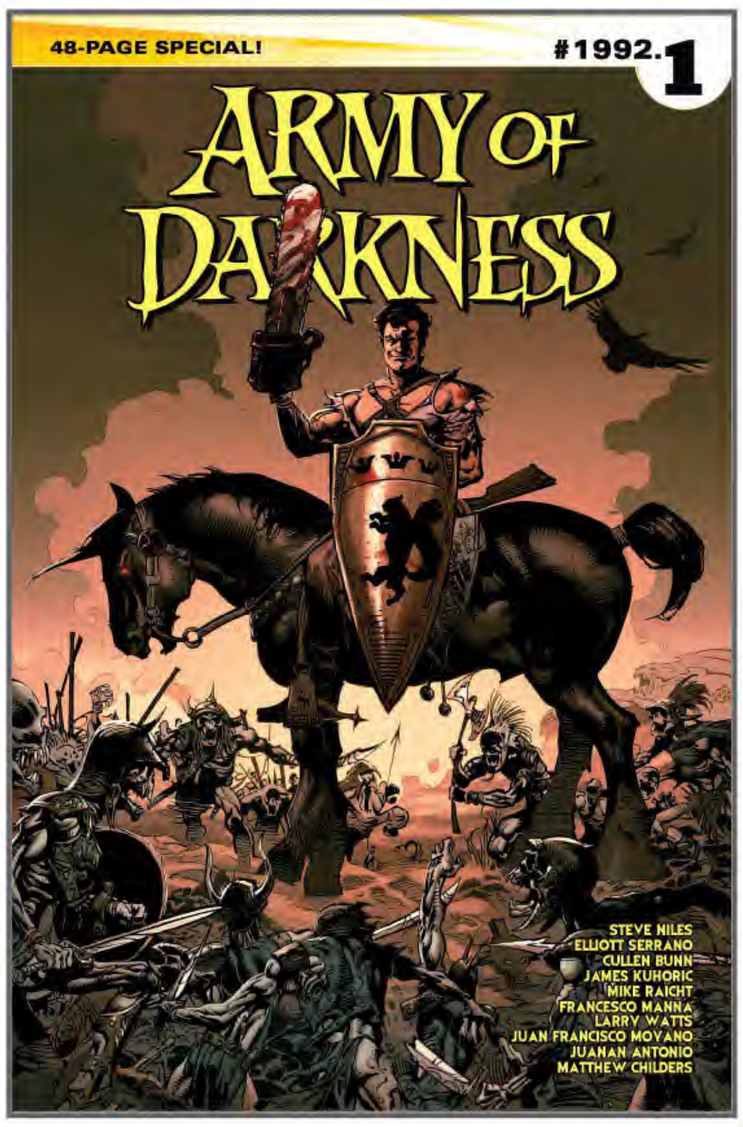
DYNAMITE HAILS TO THE KING WITH ARMY OF DARKNESS #1992.1,THE DOUBLE-SIZED CELEBRATIONOF THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE IN MEDIEVAL TERROR



Dynamite Entertainment is inviting fans everywhere to join the celebration with a very special *Army of Darkness* tale, dedicated by its issue number to honor the year of the original cult film's release.*Army of Darkness* #1992.1 will be a commemorative square-bound edition, featuring short stories of demon-hunting hero Ash Williams written by the series' greatest terror talents of issues past, including Steve Niles, Elliott Serrano, Cullen Bunn, James Kuhoric, and Mike Raicht.

Army of Darkness #1992.1 celebrates the history of Dynamite's publishing by inviting many of its most notable writers to contribute short vignettes. Steve Niles (*30 Days of Night*) is the most recent contributor to the saga, with tales of medieval terror in *Ash and the Army of Darkness* and *Army of Darkness: Ash Gets Hitched.* Elliott Seranno contributed such story arcs as "Hail to the Queen, Baby" and "The King is Dead." James Kuhoric (*Six Million Dollar Man: Season 6*) wrote some of the earliest Dynamite adventures, including "Shop 'Til You Drop Dead" and "Army of Darkness Vs. Reanimator." Mike Raicht (*Dark Shadows*) contributed the storylines "Hellbillies and Deadnecks" and "Home Sweet Hell."

Meanwhile, Cullen Bunn is a celebrated comic book author (*Deadpool, Magneto, Sixth Gun*) tackling *Army of Darkness* for the first time, and setting up its hero for the next adventure. As Senior Editor Joseph Rybandt says, "*Army of Darkness* will always have a special place in our collective hearts, as ten years ago, it was our very first title. We've thrown everything at Ash in the interim, but we're throwing him into space next. And it all starts here."

"I'm proud to be a part of this incredible celebration, but truth be told, they couldn't have done it without me," says Ashley J. Williams, star of the movie and comics. "When they suggested the #1992.1 comic, I said, 'Why, that's the highest numbered comic of all time. That sounds great!' They stated that another company had done a #One Million, and shotgun in hand, I explained to them how that was a stunt and this is the real deal, so all I can say is... buy it! You'll love it."

"What better way to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Dynamite than with an incredible oversized *Army of Darkness* story," says Nick Barrucci, CEO and Publisher of Dynamite Entertainment. "This special is in time for our 10th anniversary and serves as a holiday present to our fans! Comics and movie fans alike will not want to miss this issue."

Army of Darkness is a 1992 fantasy/comedy film with strong horror elements starring Bruce Campbell (*Burn Notice*) and Embeth Davidtz, the third installment in a trilogy featuring reluctant hero Ash Williams. Directed by Sam Raimi (*Spider-Man*), the film saw its tough-as-nails, wise-cracking protagonist transported from the modern era to the Dark Ages in his continuing war against demonic evil. *Army of Darkness* generated a dedicated fan following for its premise and lead actor.

Army of Darkness #1992.1 will be solicited in Diamond Comic Distributors' September Previews catalog, the premiere source of merchandise for the comic book specialty market, and slated for release in November. Comic book fans are encouraged to reserve copies of *Army of Darkness* #1992.1 with their local comic book retailers. *Army of Darkness* #1992.1 will also be available for individual customer purchase through digital platforms courtesy of Comixology, iVerse, and Dark Horse Digital.

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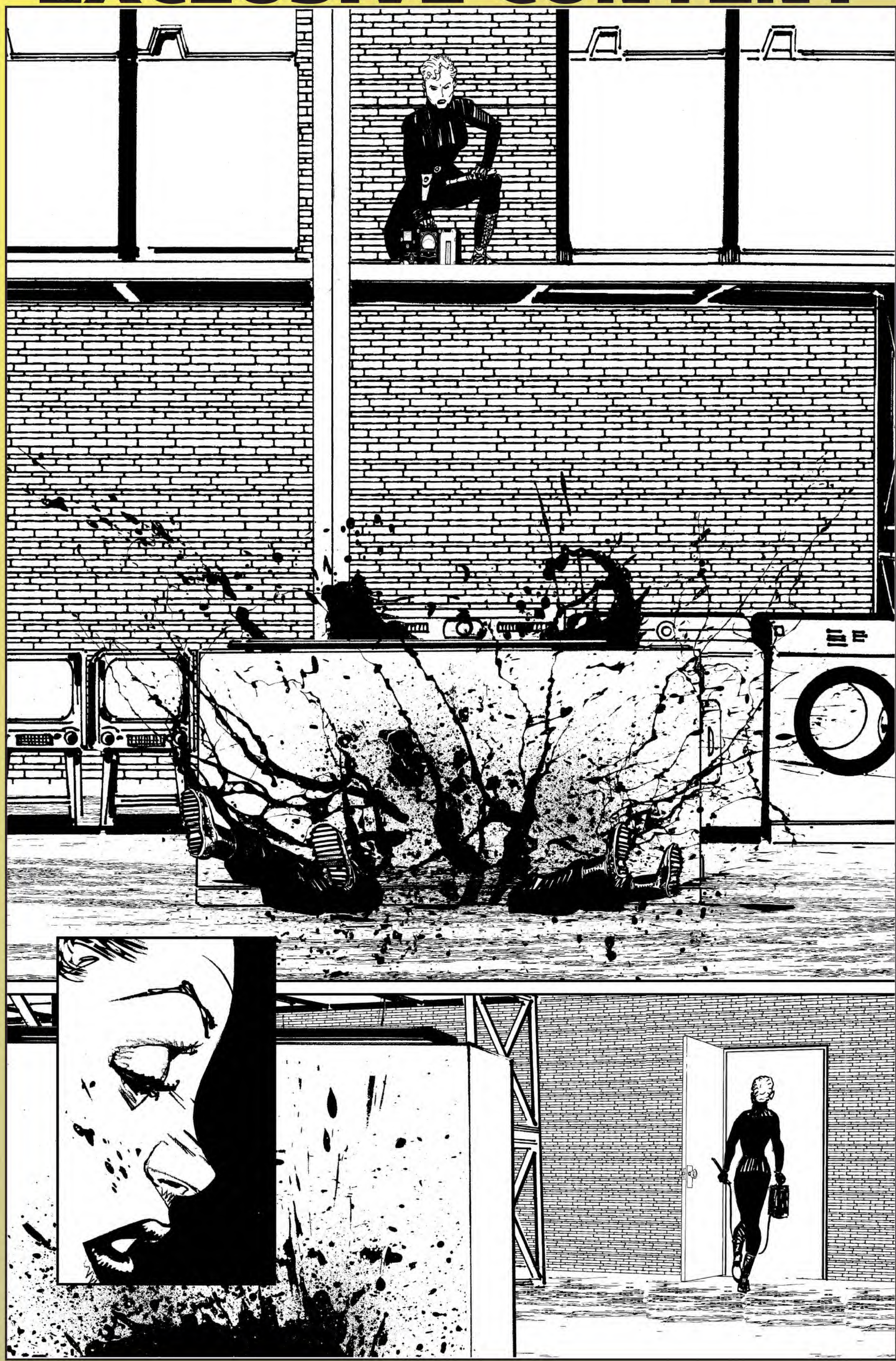

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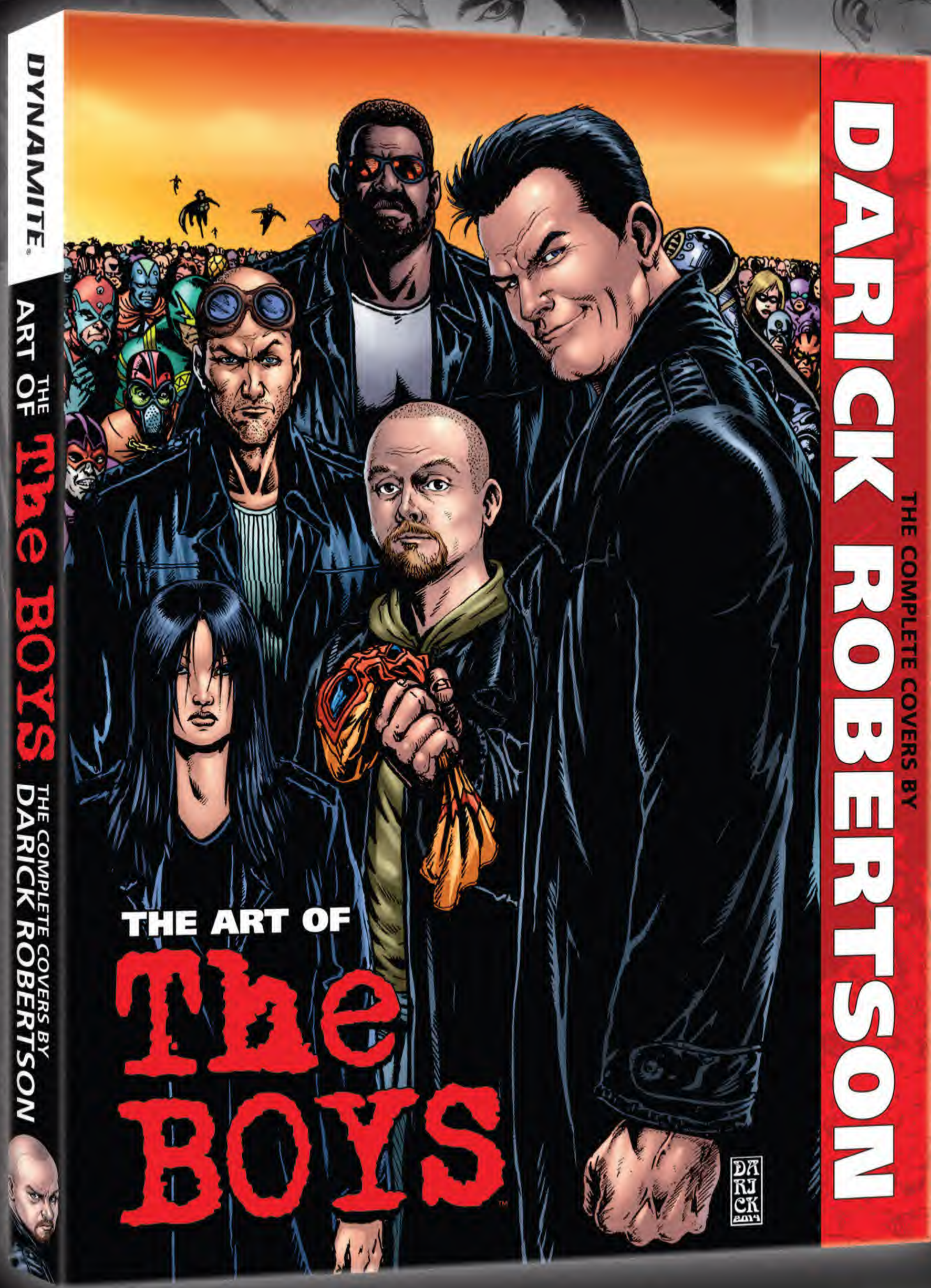

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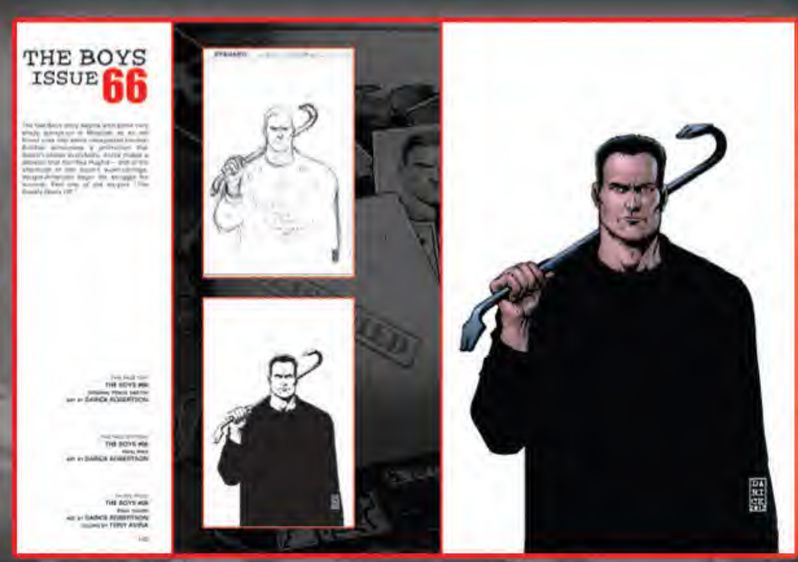

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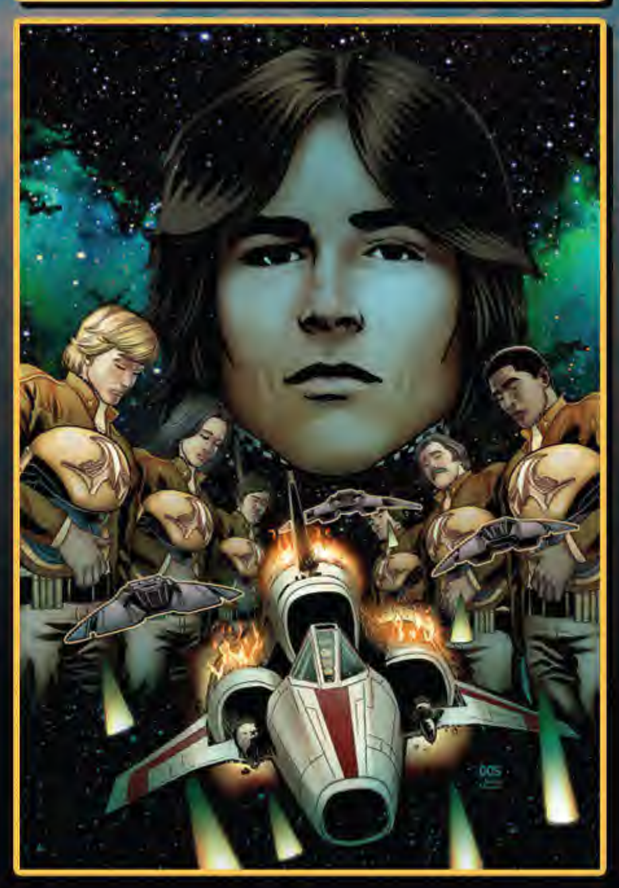

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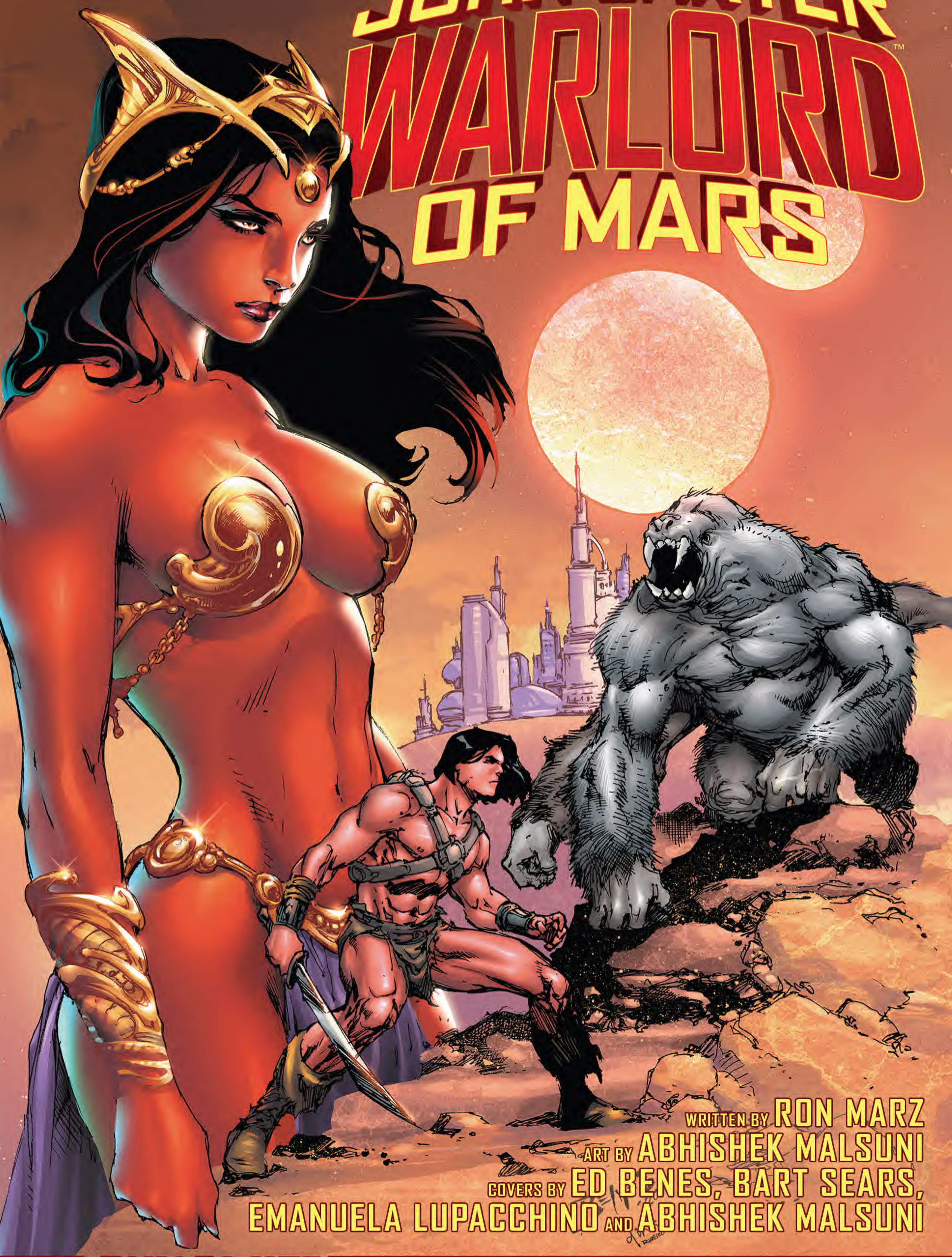

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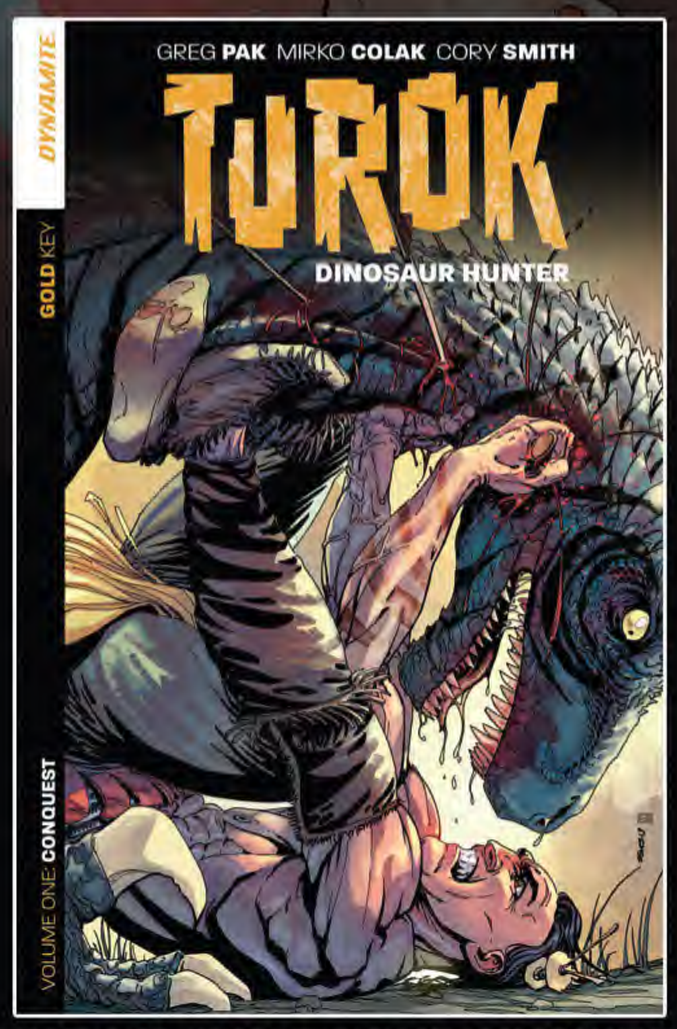

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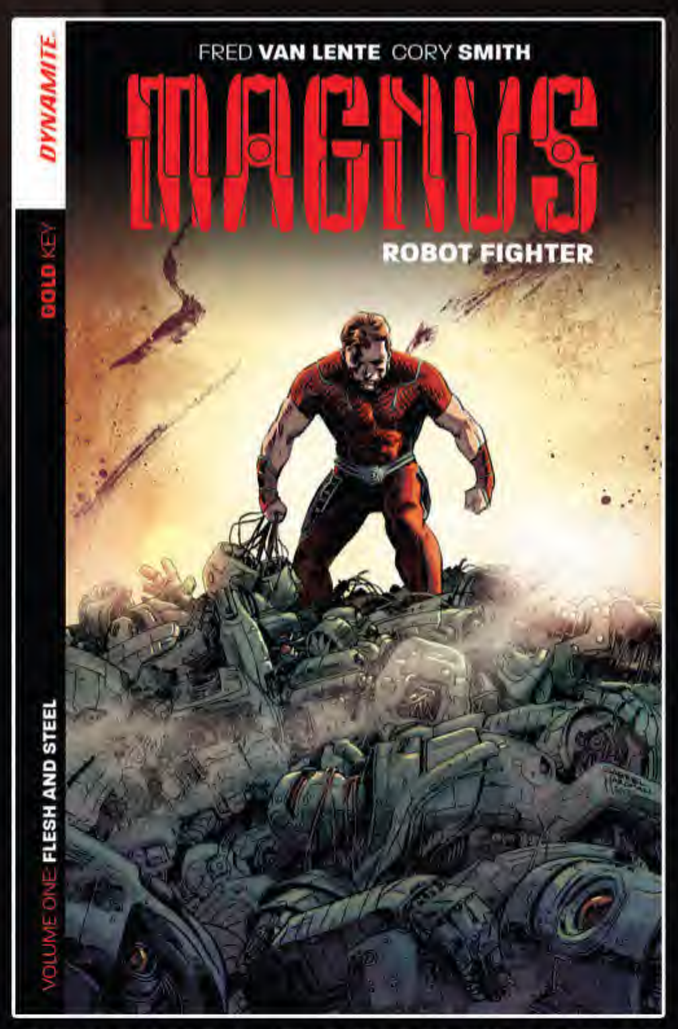

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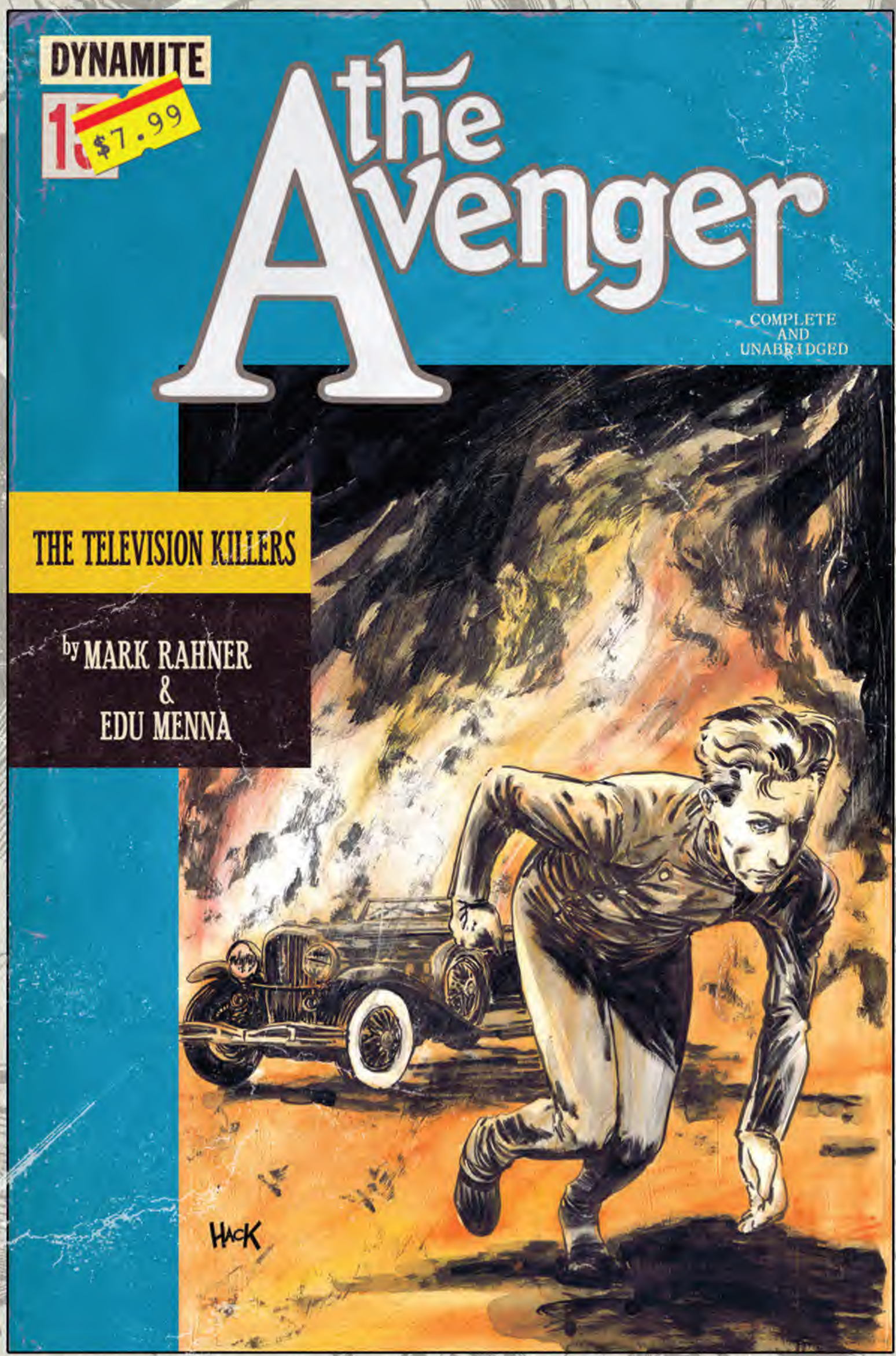

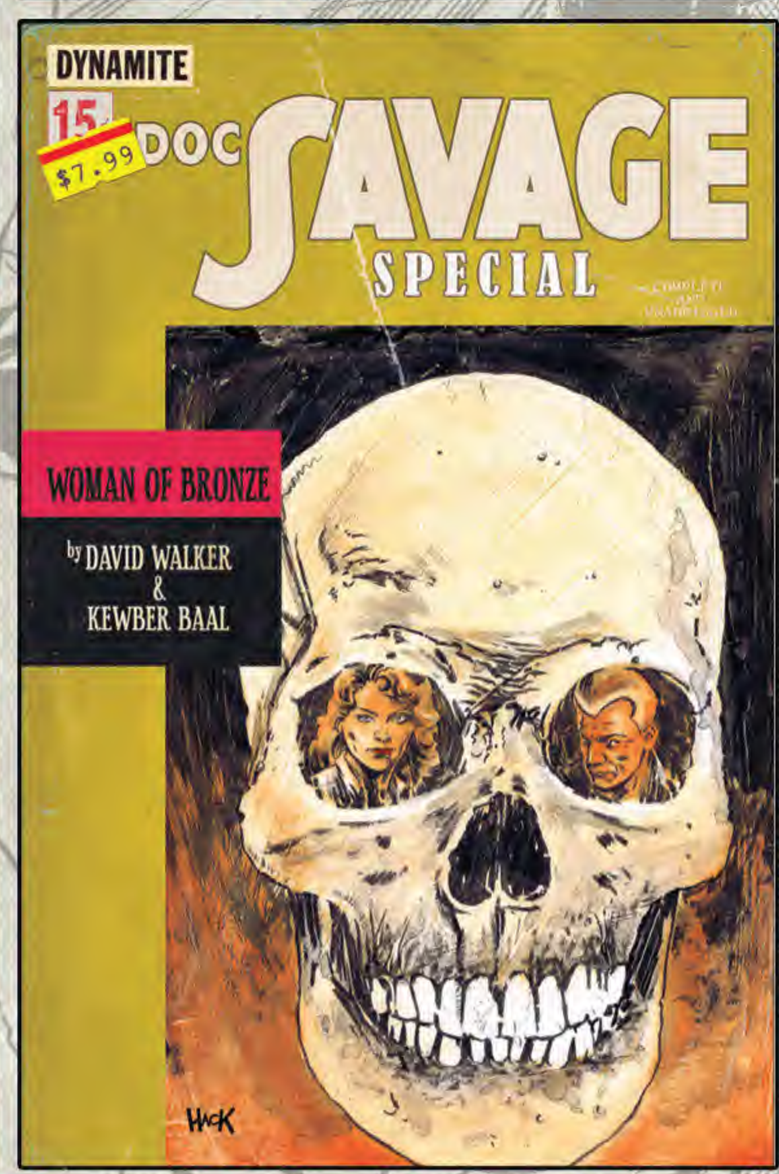

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